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Circa 1790

THE ALEXANDER WALKER HOUSE

Private

Ellicott City

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Owned by Mr. Walker in the early days of Ellicott Mills, it has been used as a tavern, bootery, A Red Cross headquarters and is now The Country Store, a charming spot where one can buy books on the history of the surrounding area, fragrant soap and candles and all sorts of useful items.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Walker House, Walker-Chandler House

AND/OR COMMON

Ellicott Country Store, Mrs. Rowland Bounds' House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 8180 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
___DISTRICT	___PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	___AGRICULTURE ___MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	___UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL ___PARK
___STRUCTURE	___BOTH	___WORK IN PROGRESS	___EDUCATIONAL ___PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	___ENTERTAINMENT ___RELIGIOUS
___OBJECT	___IN PROCESS	___YES: RESTRICTED	___GOVERNMENT ___SCIENTIFIC
	___BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	___INDUSTRIAL ___TRANSPORTATION
		___NO	___MILITARY ___OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Enalee E. Bounds

Telephone #: 465-6096

STREET & NUMBER

3645 MacAlpine Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

See Tax Map

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Liber #: 575

Folio #: 634

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Courthouse Drive

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historical Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

\_\_\_FEDERAL ☒ STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**Ho-69  
District 2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Walker House is a four bay wide, two bay deep, three and a half story granite block, gabled roof (running east-west) structure with wide central brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and two gabled roof dormer windows placed in the roof of its south elevation.

The south wall holds two central rectangular entrance doors flanked by two display windows holding thirty-five lights (25 in front and five at each side of the oriel window) and covered by a flat roofed one story porch which runs along the entire south wall and which is supported by a square post at each corner. The door located in the east central bay is boarded. A wooden ballustrade runs along the perimeter of the second floor porch and the landing which leads to an open wooden staircase which is located on the east side of the building.

The fenestration of the second and third floor is rectangular, double-hung with six-over-six lights proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, decorated with flat stone lintels, projecting wooden sills and black shutters. The two dormer windows are rectangular in shape, double hung with six-over-six lites surmounted by pediments and flanked by fluted pilasters.

Two rectangular east windows are located in the attic holding six-over-six lites.

A one story shed roofed enclosed wooden porch lies on the north side of the second floor.

The building is built into solid rock on a slope so that the entire first floor forms the foundation of the building.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walker House was constructed in the early 1790's as a private home. The house, however, was commodious and not many buildings of that size existed in Ellicott City at that time. Because of this, weary travelers stopped frequently and the custom of the day allowed for no refusals. Legend has it that Mr. Walker was not overly fond of receiving and was most candid in his speech to weary travelers. He fell to his death from the second floor porch, supposedly pushed by a disgruntled guest.

On June 1st, 1833 Samuel Ellicott leased to Alexander E. Walker in an indenture recorded among the land records of Anne Anndel County (WSG 18-398) this same ground "for the term of 99 years renewable forever, at and under the yearly rent of fifty dollars payable semi-annually on the first day of November and May in each year, and also all that piece or parcel of ground situated and lying in Howard County aforesaid, which was devised and leased for 99 years renewable forever at and under the yearly rent of forty five dollars by Nathan Tyson etal to the said Walker by indenture dated 24 November, (4-433) together with the improvements and appertenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining."

On the 5th April, 1864 Henry P. Chandlee acquired the property for a sum of \$2,425 from Alexander F. Gaw, Administrator of the estate of Alexander E. Walker. (23-149)

Later this home became a bootery, largely for the young men who attended St. Charles College, then located west of Ellicott City.

At various times it was a tavern, head quarters for the Red Cross and county office of C&P Telephone Company.

Since 1962, Mrs. Mildred Werner, Mrs. Enalee Bounds and Mrs. Barbara Provenze have operated the Country Store with an almost unlimited variety of items.

One of the earliest buildings in this old mill town (see Attachment 3, Plat No 1 of George Ellicotts property, 1840) and architecturally representative of the simple granite architecture with its fine proportions and scale which predominates here, it is of outstanding significance to Howard Country and the state and should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and State Critical Areas Program.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Holland, Celia, Ellicott City, Maryland 1772-1972. Bladensburg, 1972  
American Association of University Women  
Mimeographed paper on Ellicott City History. Ellicott City, 1972  
Map of Historic Ellicott City, Compiled by Mrs. Jean Hannon, 1972.  
Interview with Mrs. Werner, February 1, 1977.  
Records Office Ellicott, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .06 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, p.6 575-636 1 lot

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, p.6.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

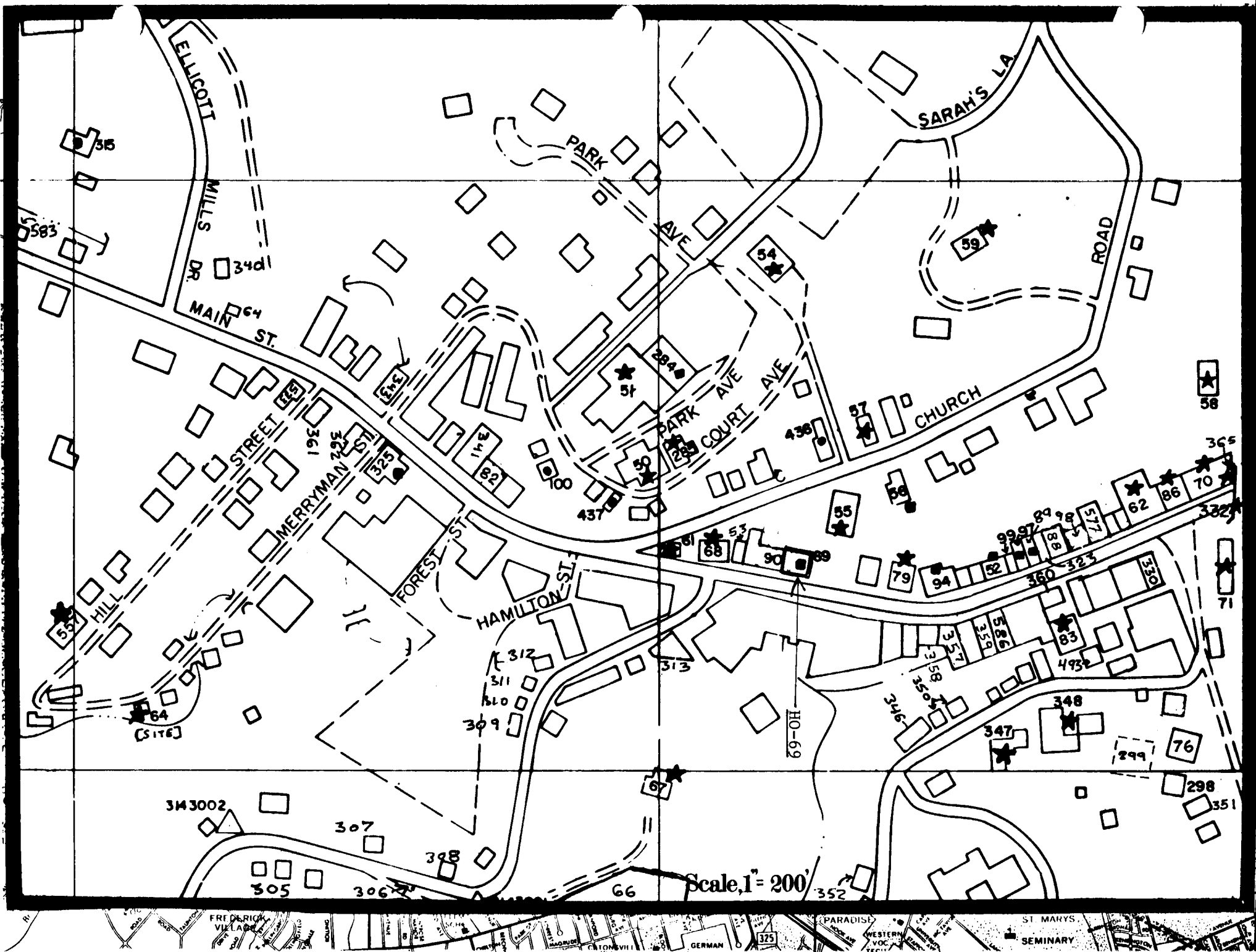
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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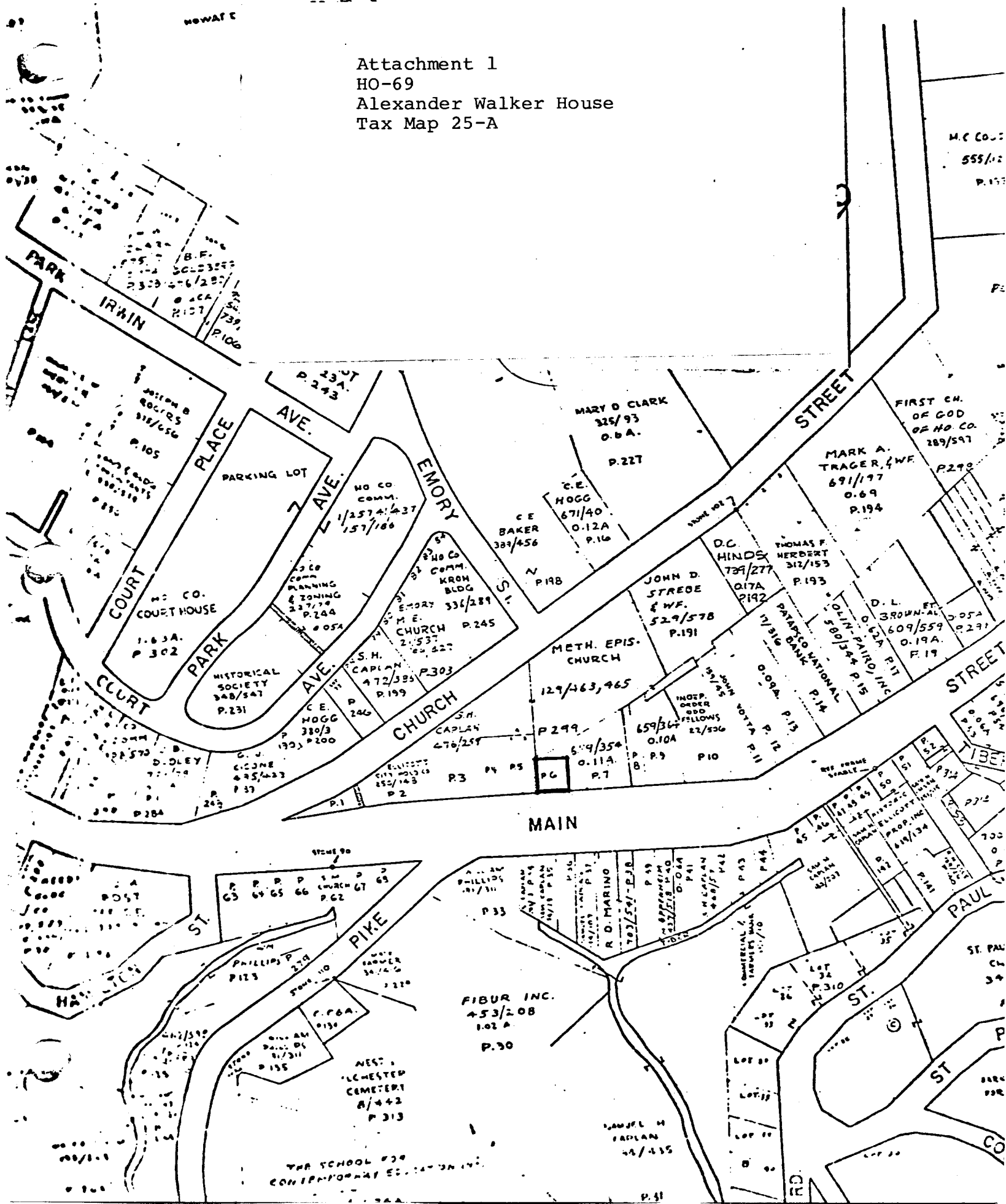
**PLAT No. 1**

Attachment 3  
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Alexander Walker House  
Plat No. 1 from  
George Ellicott's Land  
Record Book 2-99

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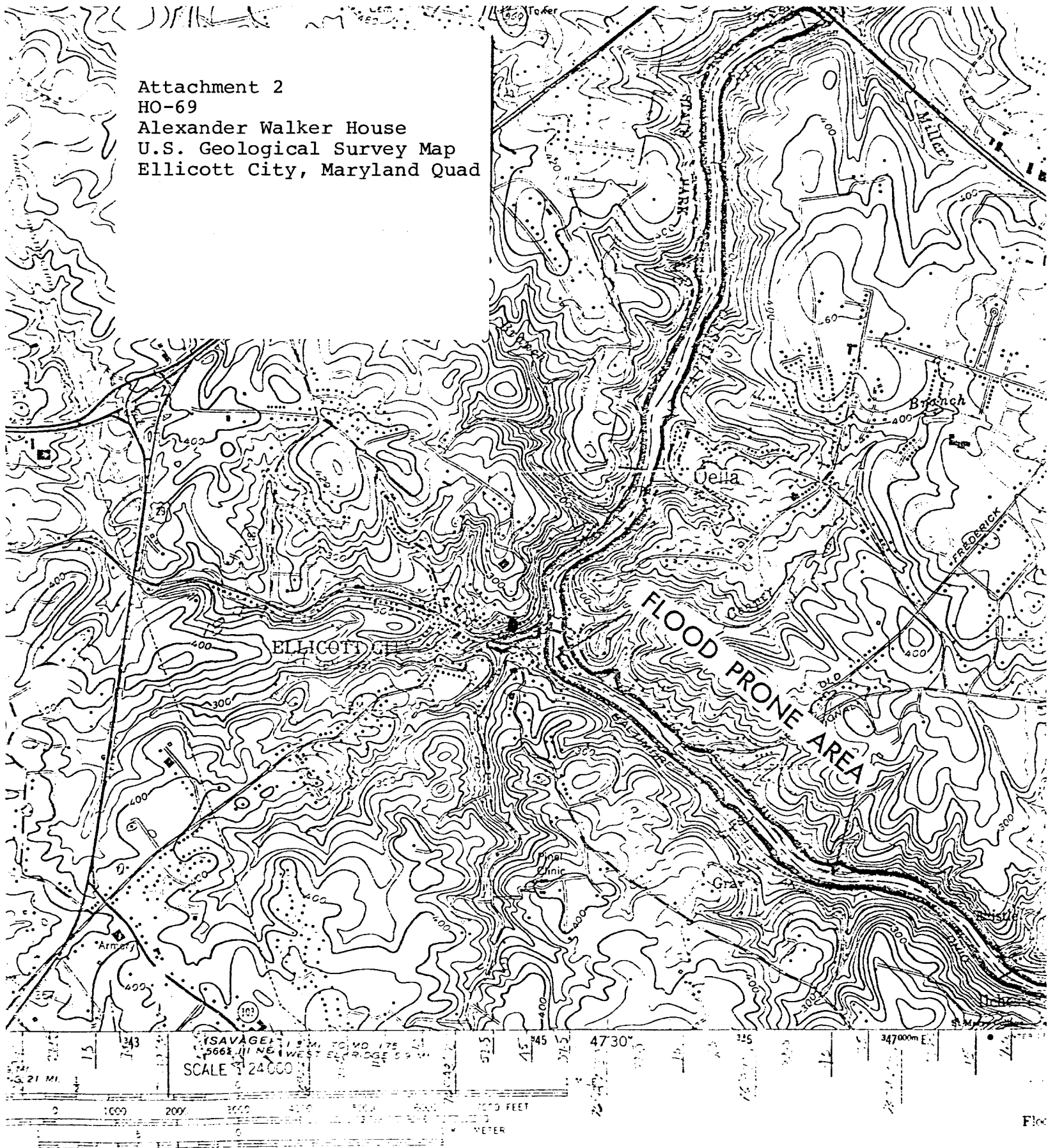
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Attachment 1  
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Alexander Walker House  
Tax Map 25-A

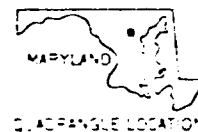




Attachment 2  
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 Alexander Walker House  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



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Ellicott City

walker-chandler House,  
Ellicott's Country Store, or 8180.

Mrs Roland Bradds <sup>House</sup> Main St

Ms A/77



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Ellicott City

Walker-Chandler House,  
Ellicott's Country Store,

Mrs. Beland <sup>or</sup> Bonds house

8180

Main Street

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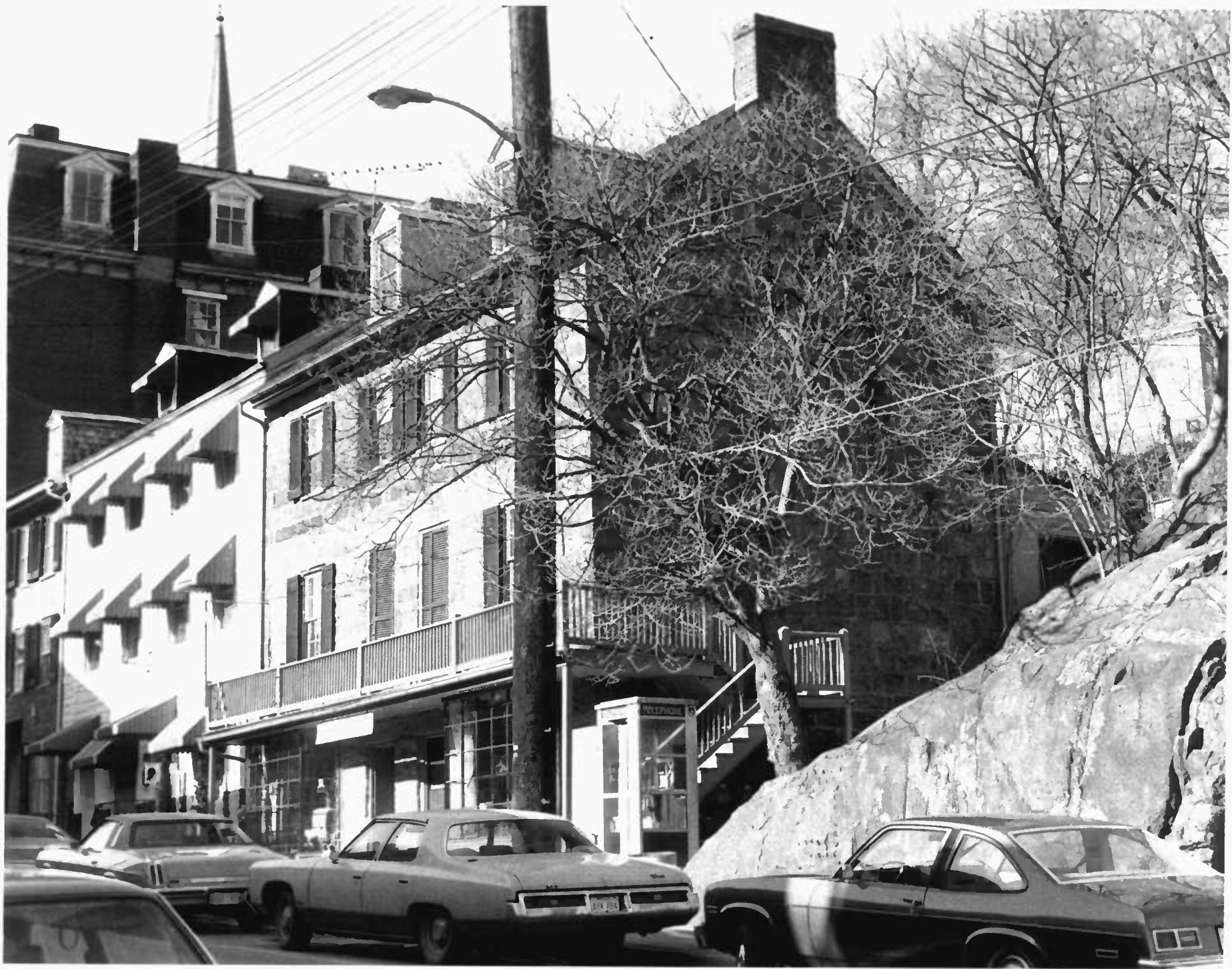
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Mrs Roland Bourds house

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8180 Main Street





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FEB. 1977  
CLEORA THOMPSON